

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph on a new line following the final paragraph on page 5:

cl As can be seen by Fig. 2, when the locking lip enters the groove during assembly of the parquet board 10 with an adjacent parquet board 12, the thicker portion of the tongue 14 is not yet engaged in the graduated portion 36 of the groove 16 so that the parquet board 10 having the tongue 14 can be displaced slightly downwards to facilitate the passage of the locking lip 24 into the groove 16 in the other board 12.